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Selectmen and other Town Officers,

—OF—

LANGDON, N. H.

—INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE—

Superintending School Committee,

—FOR THE—

Year Ending March 1st. 1878.

CHARLESTOWN, N. H.

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1878.

REPORT
—OF THE—
OFFICERS OF THE
TOWN OF LANGDON

For the year ending March 1st., 1878.

Report of the Selectmen.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN.

Real Estate in Town.....	\$ 186 454 00
“ “ exempted.....	2 737 00
“ “ taxed.....	183 717 00
113 Polls.....	11 300 00
175 Horses.....	12 664 00

442 Cattle.....	16 654 00
1201 Sheep.....	4 181 00
Stock in banks.....	6 900 00
Money on hand.....	15 125 00
Stock in trade.....	1 150 00
Mills.....	1 800 00
Carriages.....	1 078 00
Dogs.....	50 00

\$ 254 619 00

Assessments.

State Tax.....	\$ 648 00
County Tax.....	692 43
Town ".....	584 14
School ".....	567 00
Highway tax paid in labor.....	452 60

Expenditures.

TOWN OFFICERS.

H. M. Elwell, }	\$ 54 00
E. W. Holden, }	48 00
L. H. Parker, }	43 50
Selectmen for 1876,	
Mary A. Simpson, Supt. School Committee,	30 00
S. L. Slader, Town Clerk,	15 00
John Currier, Treasurer,	25 00
Henry Wiley, Collector,	25 00
S. L. Slader, Auditor,	1 00
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	\$ 241 50

Schools.

District No. 1, E. W. Holden,	\$ 42 99
" 2, Charles Winch,	104 00
" 3, John Currier,	157 20
" 4, Henry V. Bragg,	176 20
" 5, J. B. Runell,	159 24

District No. 6, Ira P. Smith,	156 20
Samuel G. Baldwin's share paid Charlestown,	9 77
Burge & Angier's share paid Alstead,	10 18
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	\$ 815 78

Highways & Bridges.

W. E. Harris, snow bill,	\$ 8 00
Patrick Condon, “	4 50
John Hanning, “	10 50
Thomas Dinsmoor, “	7 00
C. H. Wright, “	2 40
R. E. Angier, “	8 10
John Condon, “	7 20
William Condon, “	31 00
Noah Allen, “	6 20
W. Kirkpatrick, “	5 70
J. W. Holden, “	10 80
W. H. Parker, snowing bridge,	3 00
Ira P. Smith, snow bill for two years,	11 71
G. R. Holden, snow bill & plank,	19 65
H. M. Holden, “	4 40
Henry Wiley, “	7 28
R. C. Huntley, “	6 00
C. A. Holden, “	3 16
H. A. Huntley, “	5 25
Edmund Bidwell, “	1 50
E. W. Colburn, “	6 00
Ira P. Smith, work on road,	6 75
M. S. Buxton, snow bill,	8 55
C. P. Smith, “	2 55
James Lyons, “	4 00
Wm. B. Dow “	2 25
G. R. Holden, bridge plank,	9 46
Martin Bascom, snow bill,	1 95
Eleazor Porter, “ and plank,	7 88
L. F. Parker, work on road & bridge,	4 50
J. C. Walker snow bill for three years,	9 30
John Hanning, snow bill & repairing bridge,	6 15

Daniel P. Davis, order given Feb. 28, 1877,	12 00
Eleazor Porter, " " " " " "	4 16
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	\$ 248 85

Miscellaneous.

Morrill & Silsby, books & stationery,	\$ 5 50
Fred Ramsey, sweeping Town Hall,	50
J. S. Walker, abatement taxes,	7 60
E. S. Robins, repairing scraper,	19 35
J. L. McKeen, road scraper,	125 00
R. A. Lucus, building fence,	15 00
C. A. Holden, repairing pound,	35 00
Henry Prentiss, damage by dogs,	6 00
R. Huntoon, bounty,	9 40
A. H. Burge, " "	2 50
George Kennedy, bounty,	20
H. M. Elwell, watering trough,	3 00
C. S. Angier, repairing scraper, 1876,	1 25
Samuel L. Slader, recording births & deaths,	2 00
" " " marriage certificates,	75
" " " postage, stationery, &c.,	1 12
Henry Wiley, abatement taxes,	38 84
John Currier, care of cemetery,	5 00
" " " scraper,	2 00
" " " hearse,	2 00
" " " tolling bell,	3 00
Daniel P. Davis, Joseph Davis' note,	70 95
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	\$ 355 96

Paupers.

Ira Holmes, for the support of A. Holmes,	\$ 60 00
Edmund Bidwell, tramps,	5 87
Fred Burge, " "	1 50
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	\$ 67 37

Recapitulation.

Town Officers.....	\$ 241 50
Miscellaneous.....	355 96
Highways and Bridges.....	248 85
Schools.....	815 78
Paupers	67 37
State Tax.....	648 00
County Tax.....	642 43
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	\$ 3069 89

Assets.

Cash in Treasury, March 1st., 1878.....	\$ 431 42
Taxes of 1874 uncollected.....	25 67
“ 1876 “	34 60
“ 1877 “	233 59
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	\$ 725 28

Indebtedness.

School money due District No. 2,	\$ 53 20
Outstanding accounts estimated	250 00
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	\$ 303 20
Balance in favor Town,	\$ 422 08

CHAS. A. HOLDEN, } *Selectmen*
 IRA P. SMITH, } *of*
 } *Langdon.*

Report of Town Treasurer.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST., 1877.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury March 1st, 1877,	\$ 269 15
“ Savings Bank tax,	574 94
“ Literary fund,	29 24

" Taxes 1876 and 1877,	2557 98
" Dog tax,	50 00
" For use of scraper,	8 00
" For old Hearse,	12 00
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	\$ 3501 31

Disbursements.

Cash paid State tax.....	\$ 648 00
" " County tax.....	692 43
" " Orders.....	1729 46
" in Treasury, March 1st., 1878.....	431 42
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	\$ 3501 31

JOHN CURRIER, *Treasurer.*



ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING, MAR. 1st., 1878.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF LANGDON :

The flight of time again renders it necessary to submit, for your consideration, the Annual Report of the progress and condition of your public Schools. It is far from my purpose to indulge in extravagant praise of some, or unreasonable censure of others ; but simply to draw, in as clear and correct outlines as possible, the exact condition of the Schools.

DISTRICT No. 1 Length of School, 8 weeks. MRS. IDA L. NELSON, Teacher, \$3 25 a week. Whole No. Scholars, 4. Boys, 1. Girls, 3.

FALL TERM.—There has been but one Term of School in this District the past year. The School was too small to get up much life or enthusiasm. MRS. NELSON labored to the best of her ability, and with a good degree of success.

DISTRICT No. 2. 20 weeks. Miss MARY E. ALDEN, 8 weeks. Miss LIZZIE I. RYDER, 4 weeks. ANGIE M. HAYWARD, 8 weeks, \$5 25 a week.

Whole No. Scholars, 6.	Boys,	Girls,	Total,
SUMMER TERM,	4	2	6
AUTUMN TERM,	5	2	7

The School was small, and the pupils young, which lessens the interest the Teacher can have or create. Notwithstanding, Miss ALDEN was untiring in her efforts, and discharged her duties commendably.

Miss RYDER commenced the Fall Term, but left before the close, as she had a more desirable situation offered her. She engaged the services of Miss HAYWARD to complete the Term. The School always appeared well when visited. Where the Teacher can be retained in the same School a series of Terms, much better work can be accomplished.

DISTRICT No. 3. 22 weeks. Miss KATE E. MURDOUGH, 8 weeks, \$5 50 a week. Miss JENNIE L. BACON, 14 week., \$6 00 a week.

Whole No. Scholars, 12.	Boys,	Girls,	Total,
SUMMER TERM,	2	5	7
WINTER TERM.	7	5	12

The Summer Term was taught by Miss KATE E. MURDOUGH. The Teacher was quite young and inexperienced in School teaching. At the close of the School there appeared to be a good state of feeling existing between Teacher and pupils, still the progress made in the different branches, did not warrant commendation. The Prudential Committee were fortunate in securing the services of Miss JENNIE L. BACON, as Teacher; a lady well educated, and possessing a good share of common sense. She labored with intelligent interest for the welfare of all, and the closing examination showed that a good work was accomplished.

DISTRICT No. 4. Length of School, 20 weeks. MARY A. SIMPSON, Teacher, \$6 50 a week.

Whole No. Scholars, 12.	Boys.	Girls,	Total.
FALL TERM,	2	10	12
WINTER TERM.	4	7	11

This School was under the instruction of MARY A. SIMPSON during five months of the year. The Committee, on ascertaining the amount of money due to this District, found there was a sufficient sum for four weeks more of School than was expected, but as Miss SIMPSON was unable to remain longer, the Committee procured the services of Miss FLORA A. WILLARD, as Teacher. I will leave it to the District to judge of her merits or demerits as an instructress.

Thanks are due this District for contributing funds for the purchase of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary. This is very commendable in them, and the example is worthy of imitation in other Districts, where they are without one.

DISTRICT No. 5. Length of Schools, 25 weeks.
MISS JULIETTE A. OSGOOD, Teacher, \$6 16 a week.

Whole No. Scholars, 13.	Boys,	Girls,	Total.
SUMMER TERM,	7	6	13
AUTUMN TERM,	10	5	15
WINTER TERM.	11	5	16

Between May 7th. and Feb, 15th., 1878, twenty-five weeks were devoted to the instruction of the rising generation, in this District, under the guidance and direction of Miss JULIETTE A. OSGOOD, who, with this experience, has taught forty-nine months. Miss Osgood labored hard to make the School a success, and her efforts bore an abundance of fruit. Much credit is due to the Teacher for her untiring efforts.

DISTRICT No. 6. 29 weeks. Miss EMMA E. ANDERSON, 9 weeks, \$5 50 a week. Miss AGNES J. GRAVES, 20 weeks, \$6 50 a week.

Whole No. Scholars, 13.	Boys.	Girls.	Total,
SUMMER TERM,	9	4	11
AUTUMN TERM,	12	6	15
WINTER TERM,	8	5	13

Miss ANDERSON entered upon her work without experience. Miss A. is a little too quiet in the School room. More zeal is very desirable. With further experience, she would doubtless be able to supply this de-

iciency, and achieve a good degree of success.

The Fall and Winter Terms were conducted by Miss AGNES J. GRAVES, who is a talented and experienced Teacher. Nothing occurred to mar the success of her School, the leading characteristics of which, were perfect order, system and thoroughness in the management and instruction, and good improvement.

In presenting, at the close of the year, the Report required by law, concerning the condition of the Schools in this Town, your Superintendent feels gratified to say that they have progressed as favorably, and, in her judgment, been of as much service to the pupils attending them, as in any recent year. Several things are indispensable to the complete success of a School. The concurrent and judicious action of all connected therewith is necessary. It sometimes happens that parents unjustly censure the Teacher. There is no more effectual mode of impairing a School, than depreciating the Teacher in the presence of the pupils. If those who are prone to such a course, instead of indulging it, would visit the School and kindly offer advice, the interests of education would be better subserved. We should encourage those who have charge of our Schools by frequent visits to the school-room, and be ever ready to frown upon the uncharitable opinions often expressed by the thoughtless and careless. Sympathy, encouragement and friendly aid are welcome to persons in all occupations, and especially in that of teaching.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY A. SIMPSON,

Superintendent of Schools.

No. OF DISTRICT.

Wages of Teacher per month, including board,

No. of visits by citizens.

Visits by Prudential Com.,

Visits by S. S. Com.,

No. in Astronomy,

“Book-keeping,

Algebra,

Physiology,

"Philosophy,

U. S. History,

Гамма,

Geography,

Arithmetic,

Reading & Spelling,

AV. ATTENDANCE OF S.,

WHOLE NO. 10 SCHOLARS,

LEADER OF SCHOOL IN WEEK,

TERMS.

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